

REPORT
FROM
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

IN COMPLIANCE

With a resolution of the Senate of the 24th instant, in relation to a reply from the Cherokee delegation to a communication addressed to them by him.

MAY 28, 1838.

Read, and referred to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

MAY 29, 1838.

Ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR,
May 25, 1838.

SIR: In reply to the resolution of the Senate of the 24th instant, requiring the Secretary of War to inform that body whether any answer has been given by John Ross and others, Cherokee delegates, to his communication to them of the 18th instant, and to transmit to the Senate a copy of such answer, I have the honor to state, that no reply in writing, to that letter, has been received. In a conference held on the 20th instant, with John Ross and Edward Gunter, who represented the delegation, although they remonstrated against the decision of the Executive to regard the five millions of dollars already granted, as a full compensation for the Cherokee land east of the Mississippi, they expressed themselves satisfied with the other terms proposed in the letter addressed to them by the department, and declared their willingness to co-operate with the Government, in the peaceable removal of the Cherokee nation to their new homes in the west.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. POINSETT.

Hon. R. M. JOHNSON,

President of the Senate.

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